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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR STRAUSS

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER TO HAFERKAMP, DENMAN,
AND GUNDELACH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

"MY DEAR FRIENDS:

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO THE THREE OF YOU TO SHARE
A COMMON PROBLEM.

I HAVE SPENT SEVERAL DAYS WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF THE
CONGRESS TRYING TO PERSUADE THEM THAT WE SHOULD GO FOR A
6-12 MONTH EXTENSION OF THE WAIVER ON COUNTERVAILING DUTIES
FROM NEXT JANUARY 3. THE RESULTS OF MY CONVERSATIONS
HAVE BEEN VERY NEGATIVE AND I AM INCREASINGLY PESSIMISTIC
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ABOUT MY ABILITY TO BE SUCCESSFUL. FRANKLY, IT IS NOT ONLY
OUT OF A CONCERN OF FAILING TO GET IT THROUGH THAT MAKES ME
PESSIMISTIC. EVEN WORSE, AMBASSADOR WOLFF AND I HAVE
BECOME CONVINCED THAT SENATORS LONG AND RIBICOFF AS WELL
AS CONGRESSMAN VANIK ARE PROBABLY CORRECT WHEN THEY SAY THE
BILL WOULD SERVE AS A TARGET FOR THE ATTACHMENT OF MANY

PROTECTIONIST AMENDMENTS AND WITH THE MOOD OF THIS COUNTRY, WE WOULD END UP DOING MORE HARM THAN GOOD. QUITE FRANKLY, I AM BECOMING CONVINCED THAT THE RISK OF REGRESSIVE LEGISLATION IS TOO GREAT FOR US TO GAMBLE ON INTRODUCING THE EXTENSION.

ONE THOUGHT HAS OCCURRED TO ME AND THAT IS WHETHER OR NOT ANY POSSIBILITY EXISTS FOR US TO MAKE SUFFICIENT ADDITIONAL PROGRESS ON SUBSIDIES BY MID-SEPTEMBER TO ENCOURAGE CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT OF THE EXTENSION OF THE WAIVER. I PRESUME THIS IS NOT A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION BECAUSE OF THE TIME SCHEDULE WITH THE AUGUST RECESS. I WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU CALL AND I AM OUT, PLEASE TALK WITH AMBASSADOR WOLFF.

I AM DICTATING THIS LETTER OVER THE PHONE FROM CALIFORNIA WHERE I AM TAKING A FEW DAYS REST, AND I ASSUME YOU ARE GETTING SOME REST AS WELL. THE CONGRESS IS STILL IN SESSION HOWEVER, AND I AM CONSULTING WITH MEMBERS REGULARLY BY PHONE. I THOUGHT THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE THE ABOVE INFORMATION PROMPTLY, WITHOUT WAITING UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

BEST REGARDS,"

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2. END TEXT CHRISTOPHER

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